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For: FOREIGN MATERIAL REMOVING SYSTEM, METHOD OF
REMOVING FOREIGN MATERIAL, PRINTING APPARATUS AND
PRINTING METHOD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant submits that the following references were cited in the Japanese Office Action, namely JP 8-146854, US 5,559,593, JP 2-040683, EP 0 323 252, JP 9-026685, and JP 10-148994. A copy of the Japanese and European documents and English abstracts of the Japanese documents are attached. Applicants request that these references be placed in the record of the above-captioned application, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i). It is believed that separate consideration of these references is not necessary.

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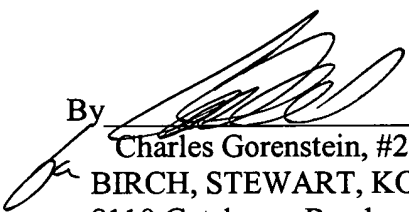

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